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Appointment of a member of the International Civil Service Commission

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has received notification (see A/58/110) of the death of João Augusto de Médicis (Brazil), member of the International Civil Service Commission. Accordingly, the General Assembly will be required to appoint, at its current session, a person to fill the unexpired portion of the term of office of Mr. Augusto de Médicis, that is, until 31 December 2005.

2. The Government of Brazil has nominated Gilberto Coutinho Paranhos Velloso to fill this vacancy.

3. The candidate's curriculum vitae is annexed to the present note.

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Annex

Curriculum vitae

Gilberto Coutinho Paranhos Velloso

Career diplomat (Ambassador) in the Brazilian Foreign Service.

Born 7 August 1940 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the son of Luiz Assumpção Paranhos Velloso and Lilia Coutinho Paranhos Velloso (deceased). Married to Selma Paranhos Velloso (23 December 1964), they have three children.

Law Degree, Law of School of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (known then as University of Brazil), 1963.

Graduated, first in his class, from the Brazilian Diplomatic Academy ("Instituto Rio Branco") in 1962, entering the Brazilian Foreign Service as Third Secretary.

Apart from his native Portuguese, is fluent in English, Spanish, French and Italian.

Honoured with several decorations, both Brazilian and from other countries.

Career in the Brazilian Foreign Service:

Second Secretary (seniority), November 1966;

First Secretary (merit), January 1973;

Counsellor (merit), January 1975;

Minister Second Class (merit), April 1978;

Minister First Class, Ambassador (merit), December 1984.

Posts and service abroad:

London, Brazilian Embassy, 1965/1968;

Mexico, Brazilian Embassy, 1969/1970;

New York, Brazilian Mission to the United Nations, Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations, 1979/1984;

Served briefly as a consultant, under contract, in the United Nations Secretariat — Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation (December 1984/March 1985);

Ambassador of Brazil to the Holy See, 1990/1995;

Ambassador of Brazil to Chile, 1995/1999;

Head of the Brazilian Financial Office in New York, 2002 to present.

Summary of main assignments:

Adviser to the Minister of External Relations of Brazil, 1963, and to the Secretary-General for Foreign Policy (Deputy Foreign Minister), 1963/1965;

Delegate to several meetings of the international economic organizations (commodities) headquartered in London (coffee, sugar, cocoa, wheat, rubber, hard fibers), while posted in the Brazilian Embassy in London;

Head of the Trade Promotion Sector, while posted at the Brazilian Embassy in Mexico;

Returning to Brasilia in the very beginning of 1971 — to the headquarters of "Itamaraty", as the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations is known — became the Senior Adviser to the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs/Head of the Economic Department, 1971/1974;

Called to the staff of the Minister of External Relations of Brazil, became in succession Adviser, then Deputy Head and then "Chef de Cabinet", 1974/1979, of the Foreign Minister;

In these positions, took part in several meetings at home and abroad, as well as several official visits of the Foreign Minister abroad and several Presidential visits abroad;

While Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations (1979/1985), participated in innumerable meetings of the different bodies of the Organization, in particular of its economic and social sectors, including all sessions of the General Assembly, in this case from 1974 to 1989, and all sessions of the Economic and Social Council, between 1979 and 1985, and their subsidiary bodies;

Returned to Brazil in March 1985 to assume the position of Secretary for International Economic and Technical Cooperation of the Secretariat of Planning (Ministry) of the Presidency of the Republic (March 1985/June 1985);

Called back to the Ministry of External Relations, was appointed Head (Director) of the Department of the Americas (1985/1988), and thereafter, for the second time, "Chef de Cabinet" of the Minister of External Relations of Brazil (1988/1990);

Returning to the Ministry of External Relations Headquarters in June 1999, after his tenure as Ambassador of Brazil to the Holy See and to Chile, was appointed Under-Secretary-General of the Foreign Service (1999/2002), a position which translates as the overall Head of all administrative services (personnel, administration, communications, budget, administrative planning and modernization) of the Brazilian Foreign Ministry. During this last period in Brasilia (1999/2002), was appointed on several occasions Acting Foreign Minister of Brazil.